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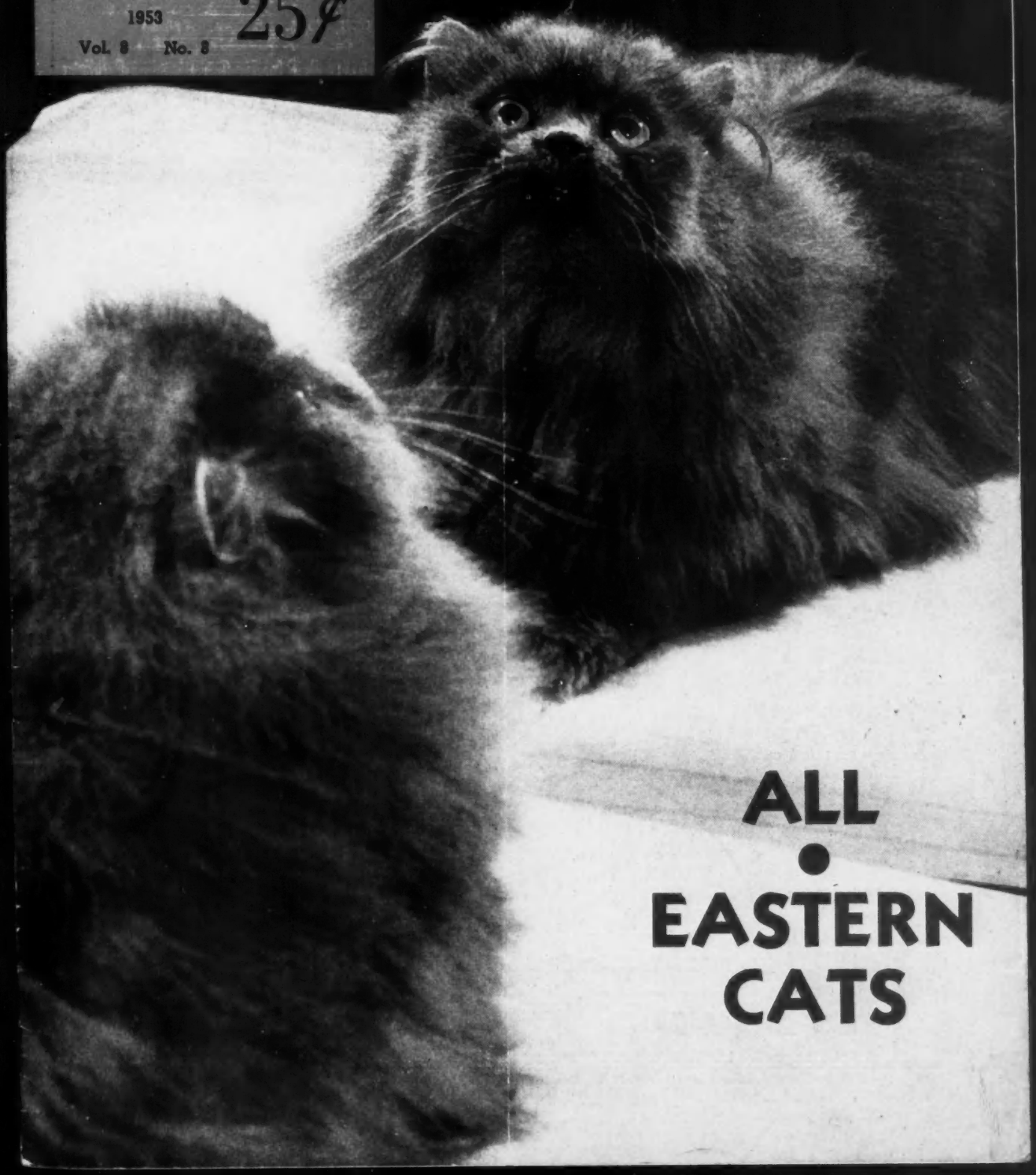

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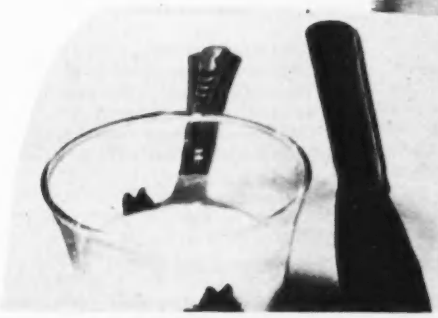

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Dear Editors:

My Burmese cat, Tex, had his first birthday March 17, this year and I'd like to share with your readers his pleasure and mine at receiving in the mail that day a package with a card from a friend of ours, reading:

Here is some "kitty candy"
From a Persian big and Blue,
Who wishes she were purring,
Happy Birthday, Tex, to you.
They say I'm rather "snooty",
And I think I well may be,
Since I've gained All-Eastern honors
Which is just as it should be.
Yet, though I am a Champion
With loads of class, you bet,
I'd like to be your pen pal, Tex,
Sincerely, Friend Mu-ette.

The writer, of course, was Mrs. Muriel Goodwin of Farmington, N. H. I wish you could see Tex, his coat is such a beautiful sable brown and it shines so you can almost see your face in it. His full name is Tex O'Burma, and he was bred by Maxine Ryan, formerly of Texas, but now in St. Albans, Long Island. (She wrote "Off with Cats and Kittens to Long Island" in your October CATS.)

Mrs. Helen Taylor
Sincerely
Vaughn Road, RFD
Hudson Falls, N. Y.

KATIE, THE KAT LADY

Dear Editors:

We thought you might be interested in hearing a brief, but pertinent, story of how two small black and white cats have made our life better and richer.

We found our two twin brothers through a column in the New York Daily News last February. In a column devoted to people who have stray or unwanted animals to give away, was an item listing a choice of several cats. It was signed C.B.H. We wrote C.B.H., she answered giving a full description of the cats for which she was seeking homes, and we made a visit to Crestwood to see them. That's how we met Catherine B. Hill and knowing her has been a wonderful experience.

We took home our two 6-week old black and white kittens, Mike and Geeney. We raised them, nursed them through a bad case of enteritis and love them beyond words. Then nine months later we had to take them up to my husband's parents place in Maine. Uncle Sam had recalled my husband to active duty in the Marine Air Corps and we didn't know where we would be stationed. As it turned out, we are living in Miami, but we feel far away from family, friends and our two black boys. However, from all reports, they are thoroughly enjoying Maine farm life.

When we have completed this tour of duty we hope to buy a house and live in it happily ever after with our Mike and Geeney. For they have become a mighty important part of our life and have brought us so much joy . . . all started by a lady named Catherine Hill.

In your December issue you printed a letter from Mrs. Hill in which she described her work for strays, and how she always demands that dissatisfied customers return their cats, so she knows they will not be abandoned again. We hope our experience demonstrates how a completely satisfied "customer" of Catherine Hill's feels.

Since meeting Katie the Kat Lady, we have corresponded regularly and feel deeply grateful for knowing her. In a great many ways this woman is the finest example of kindness, sincerity and Christian thinking we have ever met. May she always have enough strength and courage to go on being a friend to all cats and to the people who love cats.

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Rightly gracing the cover of this first All-Sectional issue of 1953 and admiring his royal self is Grand and Double Champion Great Lakes Timothy of Rosemont, magnificent Blue male Longhair owned by Mrs. Frances Kosierowski of 8219 Rosemont, Detroit 28. "Timothy" was the 1952 Cat of the Year with the best show record of any cat in the United States and Canada and will reign until his successor is announced in the September CATS. Photo is by Tony Spina of the Detroit Free Press.

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The City Cat Writes to the Country Cat

DEAR BRUCE

By Dora Whitley

Dear Bruce:

Do you remember me? I'm Susie; and Cousin Joy took me once, when I was quite small to visit you while she talked to Her. You know Cousin Joy pretty well—she looked after you when you were a baby, and you still bite her, she says, when you play together. You seemed awfully big to me the day we both came; and she was afraid you'd hit me; but you didn't.

Oh Bruce, how I envy you with all that garden place to explore and play in. I do wish there was more room to run where I am. And Tabitha too, in her letter, talked of the "place" where she hunts, and a brook; What's a brook? Toots sees other cats to talk to, but I don't. I would so like to play outside. Cousin Joy does once in a while take me to what she calls the back yard, but I don't like it. It's queer. There are some strange creatures in a sort of house of their own that I thought at first were cats. But their ears are all wrong, and they eat in such a peculiar way, and they don't smell right. I stay close by my folks and their chairs sooner than make friends with those not-cats.

I know there must be some other kind of outside. I like to explore, so when I can, I get out by myself when the front door is opened, go down an awful lot of stairs, and wait by a great big door till someone opens it. They don't like me to do that, so I have to sneak out, rather. One day when I'd got right out and was exploring some bushes, along came She, and saw me. Do you know, Bruce, She's a telltale! For Cousin Joy came down almost at once after me, and took me right back in and up again. So I don't often get out.

You know, She comes here to visit pretty often. When I was little She called me "Bug-eyes" tho' my name is Susie. Cousin Joy didn't like that. I do have large eyes, and my coat is fine and soft; and I'm very smart. They said to be sure to say in my letter I'm the smartest cat anywhere around. P'raps that's because I like to find out about things, or maybe because I do clever things. Let me tell you. There's a box of my toys they keep at one end of the passage. If I want a game I go there and talk very loud. Then someone comes and throws something for me to catch or find. I run and bring it back. That's what they say is clever, for few cats do that, only dogs that are trained. (What are dogs?) Mama sometimes throws the little ball right into the waste-basket just to watch how prettily I can jump in after it. I can throw the catnip mouse up and catch it all by myself. I caught a real live mouse in the kitchen, one day—so Tabitha isn't the only one who can do that. Then I can lift up a corner of the rug with one paw, and bat a toy under it with the other to find later on. And I can jump through a person's arms held like a hoop—and—oh, lots of things; that's how smart I am.

Mama doesn't always let me do what I like; she calls it disciplining me. What for I can't see. When the table is set for eating I like to jump up and get some bread for myself. But Mama comes along with a folded newspaper to spank me. I can usually run and hide before she gets me, tho. Then Mama won't let me sleep on her bed, especially when she's in it. Really, when its the widest one here, it would be quite all right if only she'd go further over on the edge. But Cousin Joy's always ready to have me, and we get along fine; I can sleep in the middle, and she sort of curls round me. If she's home when they're setting the table, I just look Mama right in the eye, jump up and help myself quite comfortably.

There are some nice green things on the windowsill I like to chew. But how I wish I could get out on the grass and enjoy it without someone coming along to discipline me. There's a warm sunny place in a sort of outdoors at the back. I sit there, and, oh Bruce, I can see birds in the trees nearby. My mouth just drools with the ache I have to get after them; d'you know what I mean? Once when I was out I found a tree and started to explore and find out about the birds. But I had a very sad time, especially when I wanted to come down again. I'd rather not talk about that.

Have you noticed how different people are from us, Bruce? Take the matter of coats. They aren't pleased with just one; they keep a whole lot of extra ones around, and are always putting some on or taking them off. I watch them at it; it seems so senseless, or is that the way they play? Then, every once in a while they put a lot of the coats in a sort of big pot, maybe to cook them, tho' they call it washing. Don't you think our way is better? I never have found out how many they can take off—but let me tell you about one time. I saw Cousin Joy's head above the long white shelf in the bathroom; so of course I got up to see what she was doing. It did look queer, and so did she. I think she couldn't get the last coat off and was trying to clean it by rubbing it. I walked along to see better, but it was too slippery, nothing one's claws could get into. All of a sudden I tumbled over on her side. Oh dear, water! And such a lot of it—and so unpleasantly warm. I had a dreadful time, and she didn't seem very happy when I climbed on to her. I guess I'll let her wash her own way, even tho' its sort of silly.

Here's another thing I've found out; it's about the singing. Toots said she didn't like it, nor does Tabitha. You don't Bruce? That's all right. Let me tell you. It's part of a disease, and here's how I know. When I was—Oh, about six months old, I began to feel dreadfully queer. I didn't want to eat, and I wanted more than ever to get out, in fact I got desperate. Then there was some singing, lots of it, right outside our windows. Cousin Joy called it serenading, and, do you know, I liked it; it was thrilling, terribly exciting. But I couldn't get out, and I was almost frantic. Then Cousin Joy said "Oh dear, so young; what a pity. Now we'll have to go to the vet's." And that's where she took me. I'd been there before when I'd been sick, and I've been there since. A vet's a person who pokes things at you and into you to make you well. That time I stayed several days, and what he did I suppose cured me; for I've never felt bad that way again. I'm not interested in the cat-serenade any more, either; so that's how I know it's part of a disease. See how smart I am?

Ask me any time you want to know something, and I'll find out for you. But I'd still like to have a big place to play in and explore.

Goodbye, Bruce.

Susie

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GIVE AND TAKE

By Dorothy P. Albaugh

I belong to Suzanne, aged three,
But alas, she does not belong to me.
I hold her hand in its crimson mitten,
But she belongs to a tiger kitten.
I seek to satisfy every whim,
But she leaves my embrace to fondle him
With a strangle-hold on his cringing middle.
Life is an ageless, unsolved riddle.
The folk who give, seek a fleeting dream,
And the folk who take . . . get love . . . and cream.

After raising four babies to school age, I thought I had experienced every thrill in watching nature develop. But I had to laugh when I saw my white Persian kitten discover water. For one solid hour, Victoria Regina sat by her drinking pan where the sun poured its gold into the watery depths, reflecting little golden shivers. Like any scientist, she would take her paw and brush the water, then sit back and with great concentration, watch the ripples dance.

Doris Clark Klafin

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(A Ballade)

By Marjorie S. Scheuer

News Item: "Gentle Alexander Hamilton, a lighthouse cat for nine years, moved to shore without his master and there encountered his first feline battle, surviving only by a whisker."

Where are the peaceful days he knew,
When in the lighthouse on the bay,
The only sounds were wind that blew,
And waves that hissed with flying spray?
The lighthouse keeper might delay
The supper; then the cat would speak
A soft me-ow at the end of day:
(Alexander was patient, meek.)

Sometimes he cried a gentle mew
If his good master went away
And left him for an hour or two—
(The breakers never looked so gray!)
With one eye open wide, he lay
Listening for a mouse to squeak;
He liked to tease one just in play.
(Alexander was patient, meek.)

This lone cat moved to land, and you
Can guess the rest—he met a stray
That growled at him, and scratched and flew,
And left him in such disarray
He quite forgot he could be gay,
Or that he ever had been sleek,
When in the lighthouse he held sway.
(Alexander was patient, meek.)

Envoy

Bewildered cat, oh who can say
What fate will now befall you, weak,
With ears all tattered from the fray?
(Alexander was patient, meek.)

INVITATION TO A CAT

By Jane Merchant

Between us two, of course, there cannot be
The possibility of ownership.
I should as soon aspire to own the sea
Or claim possession of the fish that slip
Through its mysterious dimness, darkly free,
As call you mine; while you, with proper pride,
Would never condescend to owning me
Since self-possession keeps you satisfied.
This being so, you need not hesitate
Through fear of my presuming, should you care
To make my home your own, and contemplate
My heartfire of an evening, while we share
The quiet understanding that perfects
A good relationship, in all respects.

From the New York Times, contributed by Mary Ellis Turner

CAT SUP

By Dick Hayman

She often has her way,
My kitten sinner,
Though mischievous all day
There's fish for dinner!

BACK YARD ROMANCE

By Lucile Coleman

Poor Samson! Delilah's running
Him quite an uneven race.
At home they all think her cunning,
But tonight she's a disgrace.

How her siren eyes seem to stare out
Of darkness like green fire!
Now she's tearing poor Samson's hair out
And he's ready to expire.

But tomorrow he'll recover,
At the kitchen door at ten,
Just like any human lover
And the fight will start again.

TO SATAN

By Helen Hibbard

Ebony,
Like a carved image of some ancient god
He lies.
No shading marks him
And his eyes
Are silvery-green slits of comprehension.
He knows well
When I move even an eyelash.
He is behind me!
Spreading his lustrous black
Across my shoulder;
Sniffing my brows delicately
In a rare moment of affection.
Then he is gone,
Leaping upon the window-ledge,
Reaching for bars of moonlight
With soft black paws.

INTRUDE NO MORE

By Bessie Pryer Palmer

(Second Wife speaks:)
Pussy cat, pussy cat,
What do you see
In this old room
Unseen by me?
Mistress, someone
Moving there—
Strange, yet strangely
Well aware.
Pussy cat, pussy cat,
What do you hear
With your uncannily
Keen ear?
Mistress, a sound
That is less than sound,
Of footsteps going
Off the ground.
Pussy cat, pussy cat,
What do you fear?—
Oh, there is no one,
Nothing here!
Intrude no more
Upon the night
Overtone or supersight!

BRIBERY

By Eleanor Ireland Barker

You wonder why the kitten
Prefers my lap to yours?
Why she seeks my caresses,
But you, she just endures?
The answer's very simple:
A matter, dear, of fish,
And cream, and other tidbits
I slip into her dish!

So few cat owners ever stop to think of the cat's point of view, in fact, possibly they imagine that because a cat cannot talk, a "point of view" is beyond its capabilities. We have still much to learn about the mental processes of animals.

P. M. Soderburg,
from CAT BREEDING

"CAPITULATION"

By Doris Struble Harmon

At first I wish the small, stray cat
Would seek some other haven.
His hungry wailing makes me feel
A veritable craven
Until, in desperation sheer,
I proffer milk and egg;
For which I get a feline "Thanks";
He rubs against my leg.
Then, stomach full, he zealously
Performs the age-old rite
Of washing each square inch of fur.
I watch him with delight.
Now purring like a small machine,
He leaps into my lap.
Supremely sure of my good-will
He settles down to nap.
I stroke his coat; and suddenly
My heart's all soft and tender.
The purchase of a catnip mouse
Completes my full surrender.

WHO DUNNIT?

By Marguerite Goforth

Since the perennial conflict of the lovers of the birds and the lovers of cats is rampant once more I feel it is time to try to sift the matter to a final conclusion. Let us see who has done what to the birds.

To begin with practically everyone who enjoys life in any form is a lover of birds. On that point both factions are pretty well in harmony. Birds are a part of nature's balance, keeping insects in check to some degree.

Now what about the cats? I would like to offer proof of the thought that they are protectors of birds rather than their chief enemy. Fantastic? Not when you study the facts. Let's take a look.

Of course cats do catch an occasional bird but it takes a very clever hunter to do so. The majority of cats have never tasted a bird. They make a wild rush and the bird is gone and after a few such fruitless attempts the cat gives up in disgust. On the other hand cats prey ceaselessly on mice, rats, squirrels, weasels and even snakes. All of these vermin are very destructive to both eggs and birds. Not even the most depraved cat will stoop to robbing bird's nests of eggs. Not only the birds nesting on the ground but those in shrubs and trees are robbed by the vermin mentioned. One weasel will destroy many, many birds and eggs, not only to satisfy his hunger but just for the sheer joy of killing. In fact one weasel has often killed a whole pen of chickens, leaving them scattered over the floor to satisfy this blood lust. Snakes? Someone will say they are harmless. We have had them climb to the third deck of battery brooders and kill dozens of baby checks, again for fun, after they had gorged themselves.

Now, cats are the natural enemies of these bloodthirsty destroyers of birds and their eggs and rarely are they themselves the bird catchers. Who or what then is making life hard for our feathered friends? Let's put the blame where it belongs rather than at the door of our friends the cat.

Man himself is the culprit. He destroys the nesting places of the birds and their food. He cleans up the weeds with their crop of seeds. He plows under the stubble with its store of insects and seeds. He cuts away the forest and burns the brush. His flame-throwers clean up the bushes along stone walls and fences, not only taking the cover and food of countless birds but burning to death the birds in their nests. As though that were not enough he sprays trees and fields with poisons to keep down insects which the birds could keep under control. The birds die from eating the poisoned insects and vegetation. Here in California the birds are so plentiful that we could spare a few million to any depleted areas. As a result poisoned food has to be put out for them to protect man's crops of grain and fruits, killing birds by the thousands.

A few months ago I had occasion to order some Boy Scouts off our ranch because they were taking birds' nests with eggs from our trees. When I reproved them for destroying birds they said, "Oh we're not destroying birds, we are just taking their eggs." When I asked why, they told me their scout master had sent them out to do it as part of their work. Man again. Not cats

Many times over the years my husband and I have found boys shooting any birds they could find from our trees and have ordered them off. In one instance a neighbor's boy poked the eyes out of squabs in the nest. Did you ever hear of a cat that cruel? At that time we were raising many pigeons and never had one caught by a cat, although we and our neighbors had many roving about our hatchery buildings in search of rats and mice.

Then the so-called sportsmen. Our beautiful wild doves which we feed and protect and which we have never known one of our cats to catch, are mercilessly slaughtered in the fall. Where the men pluck their day's kill one would think a feather bed had been opened. Not just those that have been killed for meat grieves us, but to think of the many hundreds that are wounded to die slowly or at the mercy of predatory animals. In some places the wild birds, even ducks and geese, are killed by thousands by these sportsmen, and no one gives it a second thought.

Man has tampered too much with nature's balance. A few months ago in the "California Farmer" there was the report of a meeting where a state game commission man said it might be necessary to stop destroying predatory animals such as coyotes, wolves and mountain lions so that they could destroy the vast herds of deer, which man has protected (for a few sportsmen) to the point where they are destroying crops and grazing land essential to man.

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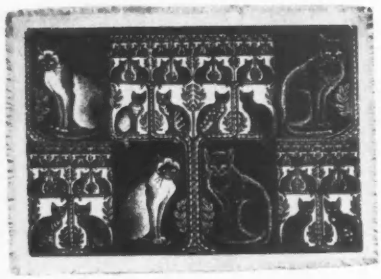

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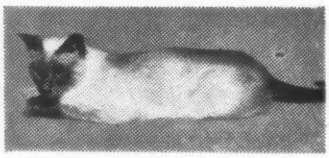

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- - OR NOT TO BATHE

By Guy Bogart

Frequently during my years of broadcasting OUR CATS program over KFOX, and in general correspondence I am asked about washing cats. Except in cases of emerengcy my answer is a short one:

DON'T!!!!

Although many follow this habit, I'm sure most cat lovers do not perform this unnecessary chore. The case is quite well expressed by William H. Hendrix, who conducts the able and useful column "You and Your Animals" in The News, of New York. In his pamphlet under the same title, he writes:

> "Bathing cats is not recommended, unless the cat accidentally gets terribly dirty, covered with oil or sticky mud. Baths are not welcomed by kitties—they spend a great portion of every day bathing themselves and do a complete, sanitary job."

Done with care the bath will not necessarily harm the cat, perhaps, and it may even adapt itself to the routine. On the other hand, unless the drying is done with proper care there is danger of pneumonia. If bathing *must* be done to satisfy the notions of some owner, do not use strong soaps.

You cannot spend too much care grooming your cats—that we all understand. But washing is at best a useless process unless as said above, your Furbaby becomes accidentally too dirty for the old automatic cleaner. Most cats will get a bit of oil or grease that needs spot-cleaning. One function of the human is to be worthy of the companionship of the Cat and to make this friendly bit of soul and fur and purrs happy. Bathing the cat is unnecessary, unpleasant to the pet and (except for emergencies) a foolish habit.

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The photographs in this new *Cat-O-Grahps* were selected from the many thousands submitted in the Cat Picture of the Month and Cat Picture of the Year contests co-sponsored by 3 Little Kittens and CATS Magazine, and although the regular price is 75c, readers of CATS Magazine can get it for just 25c by sending their request and remittance to 3 Little Kittens, Box 1042, Boston 3, Mass. Send for copies for yourself and for your cat-owing friends. It's a book you definitely won't want to miss.

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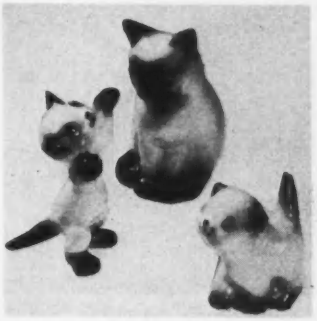

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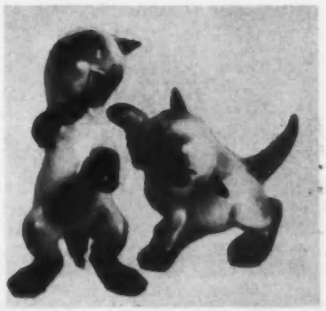

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CATS AND BABIES

By
Henrietta Hitchcock

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My latest multiple query has been about cats and babies, a subject I have touched on several times. Fortunately one letter came from a young mother of a baby boy, who also has a couple of Siamese cats. She writes: "We were the rather devoted owners of a female seal point Siamse for two years. Being an 'only child,' she received a great amount of attention from us. When we expected a baby, we worried on two scores. Would the cat harm the child in any way—by suffocation, scratching, etc.? And also would the cat herself suffer from jealousy and the inevitable neglect?

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"If they find the baby on our bed or in his play pen, they may curl up and sleep at his feet. They lick him occasionally. Other than that, they merely accept him. They prefer to sleep with us, and so never go near his crib. Since they are never out-of-doors, they are not in his carriage. And, sweetest of all to watch, is the baby's growing delight with his pets. He reaches out to touch them, and we guide the hand to pet rather than to grab. The cats purr and we are all happy.

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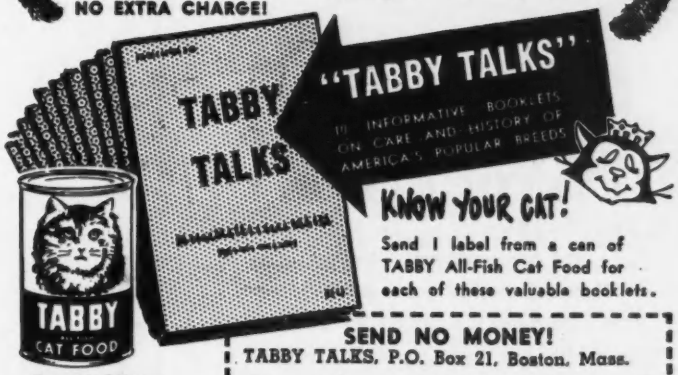

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ALL-EASTERNS ANNOUNCED

With this issue, CATS Magazine begins the publication of the winners of the All-Sectional Awards for show performance during the 1952-1953 show season, and we offer our congratulations to the All-Eastern Cats who are being announced this month, and to their owners.

In all, 47 cats and kittens gained All-eastern and they were evenly distributed among 37 owners, with only one breeder, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin of Buffalo having as many as three winners.

For the first time, kitten awards were made, divided into male and female Longhairs and Shorthairs, and it will also be the practice from now on to name the top-scoring Longhair and Shorthair Cats of each sex. This year, the All-Eastern cat with the highest total of points is Mrs. Arthur Cobb's Seal Point Female, Grand Champion Chindwin's Singumin of Newton. In addition to numerous specialty wins, she was Best Cat in both the Norfolk and the Boston All Breed Shows, and she will now compete with the top cats of the other sections for the 1953 Cat of the Year title. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin's Triple Champion Rollywoods Rejoui of Rob-Mar, a Shaded Silver, is the highest point male and will carry the East's hopes for opposite Sex honors of the year. Top-ranking female Longhair is Champion Azurevale Mu-ette of Kay-Ru, Blue, owned by Muriel Martin Goodwin, and best male Shorthair is Gladise M. German's Seal Point Siamese Chirn Sa-hai Ho-Tai.

1953 marks the seventh year of the All-Eastern selections, and for everyone of those years Mrs. Frank Freudenthal's Grand and Double Champion Aztec's Belinda has earned the Silver Tabby Shorthair female award. With her six All-American awards, Belinda is far in the lead for individual number of award honors. Next behind her in the East is Mrs. Frances Herms' Black Longhair Male, Double Champion Hermscrest Natajha, who has been All-Eastern for the past five year's and who was All-American in 1950. Grand and Triple Champion Vee Roi's Violet Lady, Mrs. Alice Dugan's Blue Point Female, was All-American in 1951 and 1952 and is marking her third All-Eastern. The Martins' male Abyssinian, Champion Selene's Dikki of Rob-Mar, was A-A and A-E in 1952, and Mrs. Herms' Ch. Hermscrest Lisa, Anthony De-Santi's Ch. Treasure Chest, Champion Hi-Acres Roxanne owned by Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Franzen, and Mrs. Silas Andrews Nani Lei King Lanikila of Sunnyknoll all earned All-Eastern ribbons last year as well as this.

All of the cats listed on the next page have gained their awards because of their accomplishments in active competition during the past season, and each has compiled the best score of any Eastern cat of its own breed, color and sex. After the other Sectional awards are made, these cats will compete against them for the All-American honors which will be announced in September. Next month look for the All-Western Cats, in July for the All-Midwesterns, and for the All-Southerns in August.

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LONG HAIR DIVISION

Blue-Eyed White Male—Ch. Via Jumbo Bear of Gallahad, Mrs. Blanche Wolfram, P.O. Box 8082, Pittsburgh 16, Pa.

Blue-Eyed White Female—Ch. Casa Loma Desire of Gallahad, Mrs. Blanche Wolfram.

Orange-Eyed White Male—Dbl. Ch. Morair Whitecap, Hugh H. Sutherland, Jr., 4 Beaumont Road, Toronto 5, Canada.

Orange-Eyed White Female—Dbl. Ch. Morair Snow Blossom, Hugh H. Sutherland, Jr.

Blue Male—Ch. Kay-Ru Jimmie, Mrs. H. J. G. Rudolph, 21 Carlton St., Brookline, Mass.

Blue Female—Ch. Azurevale Mu-ette of Kay-Ru, Muriel Martin Goodwin, Farmington, N. H.

Black Male—Dbl. Ch. Hermscrest Natajha, Mrs. F. M. Herms, 66 Sunnyside Ave., Tarrytown, N. Y.

Black Female—Ch. Hermscrest Lisa, Mrs. F. M. Herms.

Red Male—Hillcrest Honey Boy of Cayuga-Light, Mrs. William H. Licht, 106 East Main Street, Trumansburg, N. Y.

Red Female—Ch. Longhill's Treasure Chest, Mr. Anthony DeSantis, Oakland, N. J.

Peke-Face Red Female — Joyce of Madiera, Mrs. A. I. Madiera, P.O. Box 21, Washington, Pa.

Cream Male—Ch. the Garden's Clover of Longhill, Mr. Anthony DeSantis.

Cream Female—Cayuga-Light Winsome, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Huffman, 446 Howard St., South Williamsport, Pa.

Silver Male—Ch. Lowood's Mi-Beaudilier, Mrs. A. W. Smith, 411 Vorhees, Buffalo, N. Y.

Silver Female—Ch. Casa Contenta Caprice, Mrs. Leon Lovett, 419 Engleside Ave., Beach Haven, N. J.

Smoke Male—Nani Lei King Lanakila of Sunny Knoll, Mrs. Silas Andrews, Half Hollow Road, Huntington, L.I., N. Y.

Smoke Female—None.

Shaded Silver Male—Tpl. Ch. Rollywood's Rejoui of Rob-Mar, Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Martin, 197 Goodell St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Shaded Silver Female—Rob-Mar's Neisha, Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Martin.

Silver Tabby Male—Chautauqua's Spirit of 50, Mrs. Oliver Johnson, 70 Prospect St., Jamestown, N. Y.

Silver Tabby Female—Ch. Chautauqua's Painted Girl, Mrs. Oliver Johnson.

Red Tabby Male—Rusty Kitty Purr, Mrs. Harry B. Gauntt, 1548 E. Walnut Lane, Philadelphia 38, Pa.

Red Tabby Female—Ch. Hi-Acres Roxanne, Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Franzen, RFD, Perkiomenville, Pa.

Brown Tabby Female—Pan Peter's Tige of Sunset Garden, Joey Parsell, Greens Farms, Conn.

Tortoiseshell—Ch. Hermscrest Miss Frances, Joey Parsell.

Blue-Cream—Glad-Low's Barbara, Miss Gladys W. Lowe, 329 Skiff St., Hamden 14, Conn.

DOMESTIC SHORTHAIR DIVISION

Blue-Eyed White Female—Snowball of Akanta, Miss Lydia O. Cypher, 1201 Center St., Pittsburgh 21, Pa.

Silver Tabby Male—Ch. Aztec, Jr., Mrs. Helen Picciano, 6409 55th Ave., Maspeth L.I., N.Y.

Silver Tabby Female—Grand and Dbl. Ch. Aztec's Belinda, Mrs. F. W. Freudenthal, 44 Brookside Road, Darien, Conn.

Blue Male—Vanar's Petroff, Mr. C. F. White, 132 No. Plymouth Ave., Rochester, N. Y.

Blue Female—Blue Frost, Miss Rae McDonald, 44 Days Park, Buffalo, N. Y.

Black Male—Mizda's Hamlet, Marjorie Koehler, 99 Pittsburgh Ave., Massepequa, L.I., N. Y.

Black Female—Ch. Topside Falicia, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur S. Denton, RFD #1, Harpursville, N. Y.

Red Tabby Male—Ginger, Mrs. Florence W. Scherrer, 810 Broadway, Newark, N. J.

Red Tabby Female—Ch. Rockridge Cee-Dogge, Mrs. John S. Hunter, 47 Rockridge Road, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

FOREIGN SHORT HAIR DIVISION

Seal Point Siamese Male—Chirn Sa-hai Ho-Tai, Mrs. Gladise M. German, 38 Poppy St., Rochester 17, N. Y.

Seal Point Siamese Female—Gr. Ch. Chindwin's Singumin of Newton, Mrs. A. C. Cobb, 374 Kenrick St., Newton, Mass.

Blue Point Siamese Male—Ch. Cable's Quick Silver, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Cable, 1072 North Avenue, Blawnox, Pa.

Blue Point Siamese Female—Gr. and Tpl. Ch. Vee Roi's Violet Lady, Mrs. Alice S. Dugan, 239 Poe St., Hartsdale, N. Y.

Abyssinian Male—Ch. Selene's Dikki of Rob-Mar, Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Martin.

Abyssinian Female—Caper Cat Trinket of Selene, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schuler, 197 Goodell St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Burmese Male—Hassayampa Spi-Dar of Regal, Mrs. W. G. Ball, Free Acres, Berkeley Heights, N. J.

Brown Tabby Manx Female—Endless Stripes, Mrs. Ralph E. McGlory, 3 Myrtle Place, Roxbury 19, Mass.

Tortoiseshell Manx—Dbl. Ch. Ellan Vannin's Tortice, Imp. Mrs. Betty O. Youngman, 321 South Third St., Hammonton, N. J.

KITTENS

Long Hair Male—Candy Cane's Golden Lion, Cream, Jean and Gracie Harrison, 35 Elmwood, Port Credit, Ontario.

Long Hair Female—Glad-Low's Smart Girl, Blue, Gladys Lowe.

Shorthair Male—Ellan Vannin's Manxman, Black Manx, Mrs. Betty O. Youngman.

Shorthair Female—Astra's Morris Amanda, (Imp.) Seal Point Siamese, Agnes F. Rand, 29 Liberty, Mineola, N. Y.

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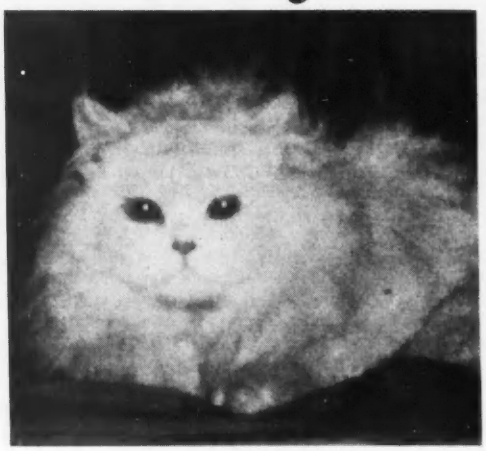

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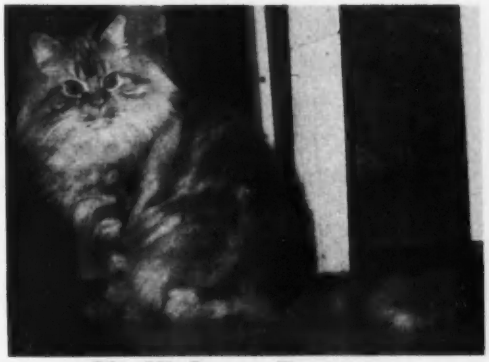

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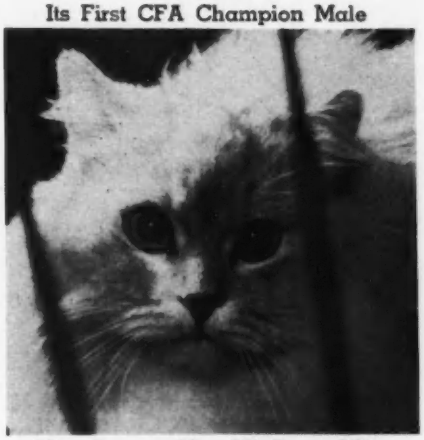

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1953 All-Eastern Chinchilla

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Buffalo Cat Fanciers, Inc., CFA—Jan. 1953
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Nov. 20-21, 1952 Atlantic Cat Club	All Breed Best Opp. Sex Champion Best Opp. Sex Blue Point	C.F.F.
Jan. 8-9, 1953 Empire Cat Club	All Breed Best Siamese Best Foreign Short Hair Best Short Hair Best Blue Point Best Siamese Champion	C.F.A.
Jan. 31-Feb. 1, 1953 Lake Erie Cat Club	Specialty Best Grand Champion Best Siamese Best Cat Best Blue Point All Breed Best Grand Champion Best Blue Point Best Siamese	C.F.F.
Feb. 28-Mar. 1, 1953 The Michigan Cat Club	Specialty Best Blue Point Champion All Breed Best Opp. Sex Champion Best Blue Point	A.C.A.

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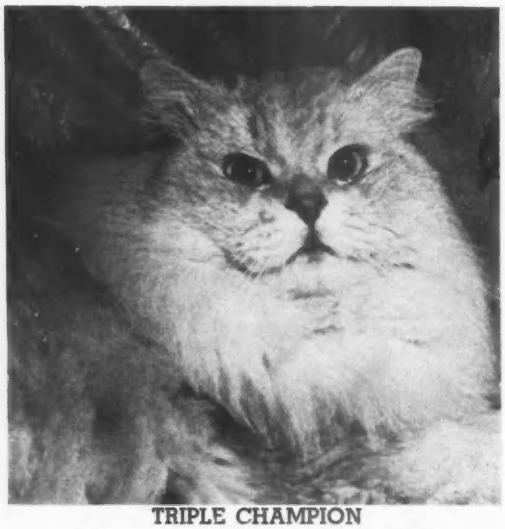
1953 All-Eastern



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All-Eastern Short Hair Kitten

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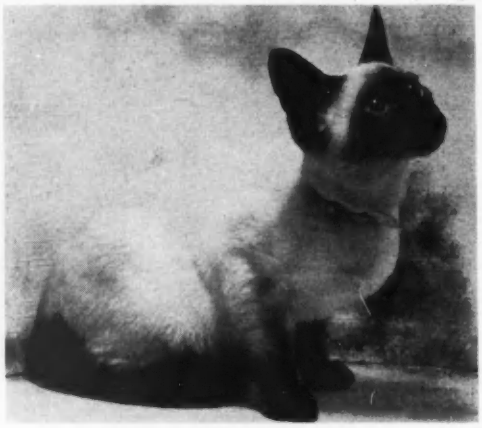

Sire: Ch. Clonlost Yo-Yo

Dam: Morris Una

Breeder: Mrs. Richardson (England)

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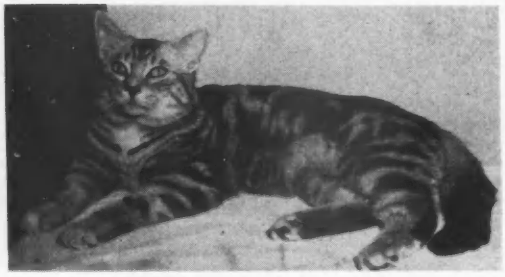
Pussy Willow Cattery's 1953 All-Eastern

Silver Tabby Short Hair Male



CHAMPION AZTEC, JR.

Champion Aztec, Jr., was Best Short Hair in the Atlantic Tabby and Tortie Specialty, November 1952, and was Best O.S. Domestic in the Empire All Breed, January 1953, where his daughter, Pussy Willow's Mazie was Best D.S.H. A champion at ten months, he has already sired several champions.

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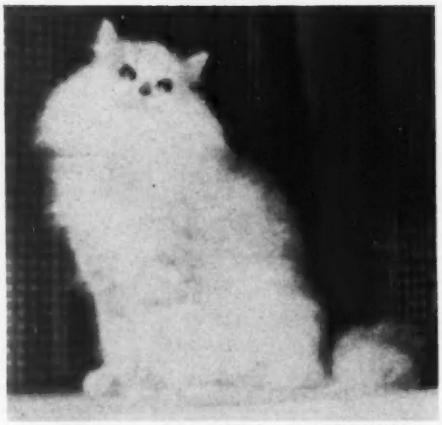

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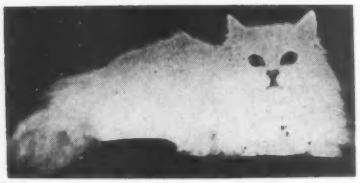

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Cats Club & Show Reporter

C.F.A. Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Cat Fanciers' Association Inc. was held on March 26th in the Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago, with 69 clubs represented. All officers and regional directors were reelected as follows: President, Mrs. Ralph T. Mabie; Secretary, Mrs. Myrtle K. Shipe; Treasurer, Miss Lillian M. Goodwin. Regional Vice Presidents—North Atlantic, Miss Elsie G. Hydon; Great Lakes, Mrs. Lawrence Pelton; Middle West, Mrs. C. F. Rotter; Southern, Mrs. W. H. Garvin; Southwest, Mrs. Bess H. Morse; Northwest, Mrs. Dorothy Denning. The new Board of Directors consists of Robert H. Bruce, William C. Bryant, Anthony DeSantis, and Mrs. John S. Hunter, Mrs. John H. Revington, Mrs. Carl A. Spencer, and Mrs. Rita Swenson. Mrs. James R. Mood was reelected Recorder. Date for the next Annual Meeting was set for the last Thursday in March 1954.

Mrs. Mood reported that more cats had been registered in C.F.A. last year than in any previous year. Fourteen new Clubs were admitted into membership in 1952 making a total of 82 clubs, the largest membership in the history of the Association. Thirty All Breed and 65 Specialty shows were held during the 1952-53 show season.

C.F.A. Challenge Awards were won by Mrs. Merald E. Hoag, Arlington, Va., for both Best Cat and Best Kitten. The Best Short Hair Challenge Award went to Mrs. Virginia Cobb Newton, Mass. Best Novice was not given. These same awards will be granted next year, and in addition C.F.A. Stud Books will be given for Best Opposite Sex of the four classes.

The Insurance Plan will be continued during the next show season, and clubs were urged to avail themselves of its protection. The ruling standardizing the size of show catalogs was rescinded, but the 6x9 size was recommended as being preferred.

Mrs. R. A. Lacy was approved to judge Solid Color and Tabby & Tortie Specialty Shows, and her name has been placed on the Approval Pending List of C.F.A. Judges.

The following additional show dates were sanctioned: *Cat Fanciers of Washington, Inc.*, Oct. 17-18; *Dayton Cat Fanciers*, Oct. 31-Nov. 1; *Coronado Cat Club*, Nov. 7-8; *West Texas Short Hair Cat Club*, Nov. 14-15; *Dixie Cat Club*, Dec. 5-6; *Buffalo Cat Fanciers, Inc.*, Jan. 30-31; *Detroit Persian Society, Inc.*, Feb. 13-14; *Alamo City Cat Club, Inc.*, Feb. 20-21. Date of the *Sacramento Valley Cat Fanciers* show was changed to October 17-18.

C.F.F. Holds Annual Meeting

The 1953 Annual Meeting of the Cat Fanciers Federation was held April 2, at the Hotel Martinique in New York City.

Eighteen clubs were represented, and two new clubs were admitted to membership—The *Land O'Lakes Cat Club of Minneapolis*, and the *Niagara Frontier Cat Club of Buffalo*. This brings the total of C.F.F. member clubs to 27. Each club gave either a verbal or written report of its progress over the past year.

C.F.A. Registered Catteries

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O MAKAHA	**Mrs. Marie Klausmeyer**	**—S.P. Siamese**
ILELANI	**Mrs. Michael E. O'Brien**	**—Silver Persians**
LUANA	**Mrs. Frederick Otis**	**—Black, Red Persians**
NANI NOA	**Mrs. Helen Pamfilo**	**—Silver, Cr. Persians**

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It was voted that Judges' fees for shows of over 150 cats be raised to $150.00 with no change in Specialty Show fees.

Mrs. Betty Youngman, Mrs. Amelia Roberts, and *Mrs. Doris O'Connell* were voted to be placed on the Trial List of Specialty Judges.

After much discussion, it was voted that it be left to the discretion of individual clubs whether to allow owners to bring cats in the show ring or to confine that function to stewards only. All clubs were advised to carry insurance to cover accidents caused by cats during shows, and to designate in their premium lists if cats would be required to be handled by stewards only. After a vote of thanks and commendation for their fine work of the past year, all the former officers reelected as follows: President, Mrs. Silas H. Andrews; First Vice President, Mrs. Bertha Costello; Second Vice President, Mrs. H. E. Nack; Scretary, Mrs. Ralph A. Wilkinson; Treasurer, Mrs. Elsie M. Collins, Recorder, Mrs. Joseph Richmond.

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SHOW REPORTS

We regret that space did not permit our including the final page of 1953 show reports in this issue. They, and a number of corrections of previous reports, will appear in June.

The Question Box

I have two small Siamese females weighing about six pounds and a ten pound male. Would it be unwise or dangerous to have these small females bred by him—would the kittens be likely to be too large to be born properly.

—Mrs. A.E.W., Cooperstown, N. Y.

No, this difference in size of the grown parents has little if anything to do with the size of the kits at birtr. Compare the sizes of human fathers and mothers you may know, for example.

I'd like to add to your reply to Miss L.P.'s question about gravel in the bladder, December 1952, that I have had splendid results since my vet advised Vitamin A capsules, one a day, of 25,000 units for my cat. I use "Aquasol A" (of the U. S. Vitamin Corp.) because they are small, oblong capsules, easy to get down a cat's throat. —Mrs. W. E. H., Glen Cove, N. Y.

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CAT TALK

Out in Bellwood, Ill., Janice Freeman writes me that they have at last cleared a mystery that has had the family puzzled for weeks. Betty-Lou, youngster extraordinary, has a Tortoiseshell queen that the family call Mosiac. Now Mosiac is supposed to spend the night in the kitchen or else the cellar. Night after night, Mom and Dad Freeman have hunted high and low for Mosiac, no could find. Betty-Lou did not seem too concerned. Finally Mommie would give up. Next morning bright and early Mosiac would be on Betty-Lou's bed. This went on for several weeks. It became known around the neighborhood as the Freeman mystery. One night, Mrs. Freeman's sister and little girl arrived from Princeville, a small neighboring town, it was around nine-thirty in the evening. Betty-Lou was sound asleep, so Mom went to her dresser to get some night-clothes for little cousin Pamelia, pulling the lowest drawer of the dresser open and found Mosiac, snuggled up—fast asleep. Next morning Betty-Lou was questioned regarding Mosiac. "But I did not put her there," she declared, "I just opened the drawer and she hopped in, all by herself." "But you knew all along where she was," mother accused. "You only asked me if she was in bed with ME," Betty-Lou protested. The local newspapers heard about it, and gave Betty-Lou and Mosiac a column write-up.

John Hawthorn, out in Kokomo, Ind. writes me that his sister who is a cripple, owns three White Persians. Julia likes to take her cat-children out on the lawn when the weather permits. They are frisky, healthy felines and sometimes decide to take a walk—far beyond the lawn. Big brother John has solved this problem. He has trained one of his German Shepherds to stand watch over Julia's pets. If she finds they are straying—she will call 'Fan'—(short for Phantom) —and tell her to bring back Mamie, Chinquepin or Madam X. She actually knows the names of the cats, and will bring the one Julia asks for. She picks them up by their heads, and drags them in. In the meantime the cat will object by using her hind feet on Fan, but Fan will only run the faster to deliver the cat to Julia. Never has she so much as broken the skin on any of the cats. The cats do not dislike Fan—but they only tolerate her.

Muriel Morton, Chicago, tells me that she had quite an experience last summer. It seems there was a fire and all was excitement and rush and hurry. When the firemen left she went exhaustedly to bed, when she awakened—there was a little cat-baby curled up against her, covered with grease, all skin and bones, with three breaks in his tail. (Muriel IS a trained nurse). She reports that after a lot of love, good care and food, he emerged a beautiful little alleybaby, yellow with a white vest and such a disposition—(something for a lot of Cat Fanciers to copy—I'll betchu!!!) —He was named Tangerine — but is called "Tangy' for short. He nursed on the bed linen, nursed on every thing and everybody including a Pomerian dog. He considered everything and every body was his mother. In two months he was sleek and lovely, then two beautiful white Persian queens were added to Sophis-ti-Cattery. Those beautiful blonds entering his little alley-life exceeded his wildest dreams, he was their devoted slave, he showed them all over the house, all the secret best places—he worshipped them. The first time the white Persians were bathed, Tangy sat on the sink and supervised. When Muriel was through he started crying. Nothing would satisfy him until he also had a bath—and he loved it. Water was his weakness. Tangy's special love is little five months old Blue Gables Snow Maid of Sophisticat. He kisses her by the hour and she shares his love of the water. One day Muriel came upon them unexpectedly in the kitchen and little blue-eyed Suzette was sitting under a running tap of water with the most blissful expression on her face and Tangy was watching over her admiringly. Muriel blamed the whole family for leaving the water running, yet no one, absolutely no one would admit the fault. This happened several times. One day she came again into the kitchen, there was Suzy sitting at the side of the sink and Tangy was deftly poking at the water taps. He soon had a stream running—and after testing it with his paw — mewed at Suzette and she gracefully stepped down under her shower. After this, Muriel had to find another home for the smart little fellow. He is now a very pampered cat—eats nothing but ground beef—and is at this writing on his way to Florida where he will reside in the Roney Plaza. I consider this a true success story 'from rags to riches!'

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Fanciers Forum

DOUBLE CONCEPTION, AGAIN

Under some important facts on breeding: paragraph 2, Miss Hahn writes, "It takes five generations to establish a pure line." There is only one way in which a pure (100% homozygosity) line may be achieved in five generations--that is by "self-fertilization" which, of course, is not possible in cats. According to a chart in "General Genetics" by Srb and Owen (after Wright, Genetics, 6:172, 1921, U. S. Dept. Agr. Bull.) full brother and sister matings will approach homozygosis in about sixteen generations, and any other form of inbreeding will require far more.

Double Conception is entirely possible—and very likely in cats if two males are allowed with a queen during her season. Although it is true that each ovum is fertilized by only one sperm: normally many ova are produced and millions of sperm are present to fertilize them. Except in the unusual case of monozygotic twins, each kitten in a litter is the result of a single ovum. A Siamese cat can be mated with a Siamese male and produce several eggs which are then fertilized by the sperm from the Siamese male. This same queen may "get out" a few days later and mate with a stray. The Siamese queen may produce more eggs which are fertilized by sperm from the unknown sire. The resulting "litter" will include some full-blooded Siamese kits and some hybrid Siamese-unknown. Since Siamese coloring is recessive to any other normal cat color, the only way the Siamese-colored kittens in such a litter could be the offspring of the stray stud would be that the stray sire was part Siamese.

Double conception *is* possible in cats. Breeders should take every precaution to keep a queen in season with the selected mate *only*. In a large cattery where two or more studs of the same breed are kept, it would be virtually impossible to determine the true sire of each kit if the queen were allowed with more than one stud through carelessness or accident. The registering bodies, while recognizing the possibility of double conception, do not allow registration of such litters. As reference material on the above, I offer:

"Patterns of Mammalian Reproduction" by Sydney Arthur Asdell, Ithaca, N. Y., Comstock Publishing Co., Inc., 1946 and "Complete Book of Home Pet Care" by Leon Fradley Whitney, Doubleday, Garden City, N. Y., 1950.

This last book offers a good deal of information on cats and other pets which might be of interest to all animal lovers.

Ann Manley,
The Dark Gauntlets,
Arcata, Calif.

"Improving the Breeding of Cats"—Hahn, January 1953

KINKS AND "SNAKEY"

In connection with the "kink" question discussed by Mrs. Manley in April in relation to Mrs. Hahn's January article, it has been my experience that for *practical breeding purposes*, we must still consider crooks, kinks, and bobbed tails as recessive in breeding Siamese, while straightness and normal length of tail is dominant. Certainly, from the matings of screwed-tailed Siamese, or of straight-tailed stock whose "tail-type" seems hard to maintain, one can only expect even fancier bobs and bends—multiple genes and multiple alleles to the contrary.

As for he expression "snakey", Mrs. Hahn's statement in *its original form* (that "snakey" was being *suggested* as a desirable trait) is only too true. One can see so-called "snakey" Siamese at shows without having to look far. I agree in preferring cats to snakes, at least as housepets.

I found Mrs. Hahn's article taken as a whole to be most interesting, and it was refreshing to read a serious article which was not full of compound complex sentences and six-jointed technical words. The bread-and-butter of the article was well-baked with proper ingredients, and I am afraid that if we fuss at a cook because the loaf is a bit dark on the bottom, she may not bother to bake bread again.

Antoinette Sexton
Frostland
Arcata, Calif.

HEAD SHAPE CHANGES

I enjoyed the article by Alice Hahn, "Improving the Breeding of Cats". We have two Siamese females, one very typey, and one which we lovingly call an apple head. Of the two, the latter is our favorite, has more character and personality, is a good mother, and has good healthy kittens, without any trouble.

It seems to us that the narrow-headed, typey cats are more nervous than those which were the standard several years ago, and that the older-standard cats seem to have a more friendly look than the newer.

Mrs. Donald E. Warner
7407 West Third St.
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Next month Mrs. DeFilippo discusses the pros of "Red Points". — Are All Breeders Ethical. All Catteries Clean? What can be done about the ones that aren't? That's the July Forum Topic. Let's have your ideas, but keep them short, please.

HAROLD SYDNEY BANCROFT

We report with regret that Harold Sydney Bancroft, husband of Billie Bancroft, passed away on February 14th. Mr. Bancroft, who had retired fom the wholesale lubicating oil business in New Yok City in 1938, was an active and skilled sailor and was an officer in both the Lake Hopatcong (N. J.) Yacht Club and in the New York City Yacht Club. He was educated at Cheltonham Military College in Philadelphia, and in London and Paris.

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Mews and Views from the West

Two-thirty A. M., March 5th, found the entire L. C. Gibbs (my brother) family, myself and three cats enroute from Houston to New Orleans to attend The Cat Fanciers of New Orleans, Inc. (ACA) show to be held March 7-8 at Jerusalem Temple Ballroom.

It was a beautiful drive, as the weather had entirely cleared, no fog nor rain, enabling us to enjoy a most glorious sunrise and again admire the gorgeous azaleas in bloom in that part of the country. The weatherman cooperated throughout the weekend helping to make the show even more enjoyable.

It was a large show with 282 entries, with exhibitors from ten different states. Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Dobyns and all of the show committee were busy, busy folks. I don't believe popular Winnie Porter stopped once during the two days of the show, and always had a pleasant answer to all inquiries.

Mrs. Gertrude Hamaker of Indiana was the All Breed Judge. I notice in the catalogue it states she started judging in 1937, has bred cats for many years and is on the Board of Directors of ACA. Her Best Cat and Best Champion was Ch. Crescent's Himstitch of Windibank (Windibank's Bagdad Breeze x Lydia of Khyber of Crescent) gold-eyed white male, bred by Mrs. Haydel, and owned by Mrs. F. L. Tebbitts of New Orleans.

I met and enjoyed talking with Mrs. S. Duncan Peeples of Atlanta, Georgia who was agent for another beautiful golden-eyed white female) Dixi-Land's Fleurita of Garvinia (Khyber's Boris II x Ch. Rosedere Fleur of Arlington) bred by Mrs. J. H. Revington and owned by Mrs. W. H. Garvin. Fleurita was awarded Best Novice Opp. Sex in the L. H. Specialty.

Dr. Frances McCraken, President of the American Cat Association, judged the long hair and short hair specialties, and I am sure it gave Mr. Price Cross a real pleasure to have Dr. MacCraken name Mao Texian Tabitha (Aztec's Texia x Ch. Silver Belle of Cobourg) Best Novice, Best Dom. Short Hair, and Best Cat in the S. H. Specialty.

Another beautiful cat I noticed was a year-old Long Haired Silver Tabby female—Mi-Choice's Dill O'Mine bred and owned by Mrs. Maurice Shaw of Lawrenceville, Illinois. She was in magnificent coat and beautifully exhibited and rewarded her owner by receiving the award of Best Opposite Sex cat in the Long Hair Specialty—Best Cat in this specialty went to Silver Moth Prince Neeho, cream male, bred by Florence Kemmer and owned by Mrs. Harold Rathburn of Sarasota, Florida. He too was in beautiful coat for that time of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Haring from San Antonio, Texas, exhibited many fine Russian Blues, and I noticed many exhibitors as well as spectators admiring their attractive cages and the fine condition of their cats. Both Judges commented on the type and condition of twelve year old Yee-Wee-Eng of Valhalla, seal point male owned by the Harings. In a class of 10 competing males he received his winners ribbons under both Judges.

I am particularly fond of Burmese and noticed a fine class of these at the show. Under both Judges, Mr. Russell Middleton of Dallas, Texas was the owner of Best and Best Opposite Sex Burmese. In the All Breed, Best Burmese was Miss Burns Yin Won of Re-Ru, bred by Lillian Burns—Best Opp. was Chocolate Monday Loion of Re-Ru, and in the specialty, Best was Hassayampa Pasha of Re-Ru, bred by Mrs. Nathalie Pyle of Phoenix, Arizona—Best Opp. to Far Cry's Ata Boy of ReRu, bred by Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Gillies of Los Angeles, California. Some day maybe I will own a Burmese.

I had met Mrs. Richard O'Donovan (Chirn Sai Hai), well known breeder of fine Siamese, Abyssinians and other breeds in Houston, and at New Orleans. Her Ch. Chirn Sa-Hai Nee-ang (S. P. female) was best Seal Point in the All Breed, and a S. P. female, Morningside Ah-La-Wee owned by Mrs. Dorothy D. Otten of Jonesboro, Ga., and agented by Mrs. O'Donovan, was best S. P. in the Specialty. To me it is always commendable for another breeder to agent and give special attention to her own competition.

I would like to comment on the attractive and well arranged catalogue of this show. Prefacing the list of entries in each breed was a full page on which appeared an exemplary picture of the breed, detailed standard of each breed, and the scale of points used in Judging. I know much time and effort was spent by the catalogue committee.

You readers might be interested to know George Silk, who took the pictures at the Angel City Cat Show, which were shown in Life Magazine, didn't particularly like cats at that time. He was accompanied in this work by Frank Pierson, who had quite the opposite feeling about cats—RESULT? You guessed it, I hope, George Silk now has a kitten and is CRAZY about it. I am not surprised as a kitten can melt the heart of any "so-called" cat hater.

I am happy to report I now have a walking cast; although it is from hip to ankle. I am learning again to walk with this.

Good luck to all.

Ada May Miles

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